

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed December 23, 2005. After a preliminary amendment canceling claims 1, 2, and 17-24, claims 3-16 are pending. Therein claims 3, 8, 10, and 15 are independent claims.

By the foregoing, claims 6, 11, and 12 are amended to independent form, claims 3-5, 7, 10 and 14 are cancelled. The specification is amended to correct obvious typographical or expressive errors. No new matter has been added.

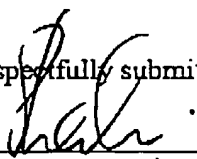
Allowed and Allowable Claims

Claims 8, 9, 15, and 16 are allowed and dependent claims 6 and 11-13 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to independent form. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowance. Thereto consistent with the indication, claims 6, 11, and 12 are amended to independent form. By the amendment, claim 13 is dependent from a now newly independent claim indicated to be allowed and, thus, should be allowable on the merits. Passage of claims 6 and 11-13 to allowance is requested.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, including any necessary extension fees, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

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